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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 6 at lines 14–21 of the specification as filed with the following:

With reference now to the figures, and in particular with reference to **Figures 1A through 1C**, various views of a sensor circuit employing scratch resistance in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention are depicted. **Figure 1A** depicts a block diagram of the sensor circuit 102, which is formed as an integrated circuit on a single die. The sensor circuit 102 and its operation are described more fully in commonly assigned, copending application serial no. 09/040,261, entitled "CAPACITIVE DISTANCE SENSOR" and filed May 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,114,862 which is incorporated herein by reference.